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REMARKS

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1. 31 August 1949

Soldiers and sentries with red epaulets were observed at the SCHOENWALDE (N 53/2 66) airfield.

1 September 1949

2. There was little flying with biplanes. Twin-engine aircraft with double rudder assembly repeatedly circled the field. trucks, loaded with billeting and other equipment, left the airfield

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 the air force unit had been transferred to DOMBERITZ (N 53/4 65), leaving behind only a rear detail.

3 September 1949

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3. There was no flying. The air force trucks with trailer and truck left the airfield.

5 September 1949

4. An empty freight train arrived at the airfield. It was being loaded with furniture, a truck with a searchlight on it, a tank truck and aircraft parts. The truck and other trucks were standing at the airfield. The trucks left the field and the radio truck arrived. A

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formation of five U-2 biplanes and two formations of seven single-engine biplanes each landed at the airfield about 8 p.m. Description of the latter type: In-line engine, landing gear retractable to the rear, two-place cockpit with gun barrel protruding from the rear, antenna rod on top of cockpit, wide wings.

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10 September 1949

5. There was intensive formation flying in the afternoon with the described single-engine low-wing monoplanes. [redacted] Soviet Air Force motor vehicles were seen [redacted] toward the airfield [redacted]

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12 September 1949

6. The described single-engine low-wing monoplanes performed individual flights.

13 September 1949

7. About five twin-engine aircraft with double rudder assembly landed at the airfield. Twenty to thirty aircraft of the above type were also parked there. [redacted] in and out-bound motor vehicles were observed [redacted]

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14 September 1949

8. Flying with single-engine and twin-engine planes was observed at the field. The following [redacted]

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15 September 1949

9. The reported single-engine aircraft and biplanes were parked at the field. [redacted] the air unit had come from COMUS (N 52/A 57). Alerts were frequently practiced by the unit in the morning hours. On such occasions the officers and BN who were quartered outside the field hurried there with their baggage. [redacted]

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17 September 1949

10. About 60 northbound single-engine low-wing monoplanes in groups of eight to ten planes [redacted] flew over the airfield about 5 p.m. Planes of the same type which were stationed in SCHOMBRALES later took off in groups of two. They made formations of from five to ten planes and practiced air fights with the first mentioned aircraft. It was observed that each plane had four cannons in the wings, the two cannons in the left wing being set farther apart than those in the right wing. [redacted] the 32 aircraft stationed at the field were assigned to the same unit as the planes (more than sixty) at the SCHOMBRALES airfield.

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Comment:

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it is concluded that the SCHOLZALLE airfield was occupied by a ground attack regiment. This regiment had arrived from COTTBUS after the bomber training regiment previously stationed in SCHOLZALLE had been transferred to STAAKEN. The statement that the ground attack regiment is assigned to the same unit as the units stationed in STAAKEN is considered credible since STAAKEN was also occupied by ground attack units from COTTBUS. The 2d GA Div previously stationed in COTTBUS and FINSBERGALLE was apparently transferred to the DOEBERITZ, STAAKEN, and SCHOLZALLE airfields.

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